The Wantirna Whisper

Principal - Mrs Heather Herbury
2013 School Captains - Chloe, Luke, Regan and Georgia
Camp Melbourne – Last week our Senior Learning Unit students went off to Camp Melbourne and took part in some wonderful Melbourne activities such as a visit to the Eureka Tower, the Shrine, the Old Melbourne Gaol, a Melbourne River Cruise and more. Special thanks must go to Melitta Elliott for her expert co-ordination of the camp, which has been planned for months and was a huge success. A special thanks to all of our staff members for attending; Sue Martin, Warwick Peluso, Debbie Blackhurst, Julie Reiher, Heather Norbury and Adriana Allard. Having attended the camp myself it was an absolute pleasure to see the exemplary behaviour demonstrated by all of our students.

JLU camping program – Almost a fortnight ago our Junior Learning Unit had an activities and camping night which was a huge success. Our Preppies were involved in some afternoon games, our Year Ones stayed for dinner and our Year 2’s stayed overnight in the JLU building. Special thanks to Brogan Badrock and Marcia Cartwright for their efforts on the night.

Metal2Metal Challenge – Our Metal2Metal Challenge began last week and already our bin is starting to fill up. All you have to do is give us all of your metal rubbish. There is a skip at the front of the school which will be there until November the 11th. Items include cans, fridges, washing machines, stoves, hot water surfaces, metal stakes, wire fencing, table and chair frames. At the end of the two weeks we will be having the skip weighed and we will be given a cheque for the total weight. If we fill our skip quickly we will get a second, third and fourth skip, so please hunt around at home for any additional metal.

Prep Transition Sessions – Last week our 2014 Preps came along to a PE session with Mr Donald, which was a giant success. Our next Prep transition session will be on the 15th of November, with our future preppies completing an Art Session with Mrs Megele.

Shadesail – As you may have noticed our Shadesail out the front was damaged during the last school holidays. We have had to wait for the insurance company to approve our claim. Finally we have received the go ahead to fix the structure. Hopefully we will have a new sail by next week.
**Tiqbiz** – Great News! Now on Tiqbiz you are now able to send in your absence from school. Just fill out the form and submit it to the school. Many parents have signed up to the Tiqbiz App and many of you will have received alerts from us about various events happening at school, including our newsletter. This is a very quick way for us to also send out reminders or information, rather than using reams of paper. The App is free and can be downloaded onto your iPhone, iPad or desktop computer. So join up now so that we have everyone on board!

**Chaplaincy Survey** – Each year we are asked to evaluate our chaplaincy program by Access Ministries, who help fund the program. A chaplaincy survey is on our website and I encourage everyone to fill it in, even if you have never utilised the program. The survey is very short and should only take about 5 minutes to complete.

**Movember** – During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men’s faces in Australia and around the world. The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness of men’s health, specifically prostate cancer and male mental health. Mr Peluso is participating in Movember and we have kept a donation box at the front of the school to donate to this cause.

**Library** – No more books can be borrowed from the library from the 29th of November so that Julie can undertake a stocktake. Before this date, please check that your child does not have any library books at home, as there are still a number of students with very overdue books. Notices will be sent home this week regarding overdue books. For any books not returned by November the 29th we will be invoicing for the replacement of the book, so that we can continue to have rich reading material in our library. Thank you for your support.

**Class Placements and Requests 2014** – Staff are now considering class placements for 2014. If you have any concerns for your child then please write to Heather by **November the 22nd**. Please note, requests for particular teachers will not be considered as the best interests of all of the children and the effective management of the school must be taken into account. These letters are to be addressed directly to Heather, with all details and information provided kept in confidence. It is expected that 2014 grade lists will be sent home, enclosed with your child’s report on Thursday 19th of December. Should you wish to discuss any concerns with 2014 grade placements in person, please contact the school office to arrange a time to meet with Heather.

*Mr Luke Van Leuveren*  
(on behalf of Heather Norbury)
I don’t know about you but I am finding these very interesting and truthful, and helpful why don’t you take one saying per day and share it with someone, so they may benefit also.

I’ve learned-
that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

I’ve learned-
that you can keep going long after you can’t.

I’ve learned-
that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

I’ve learned-
that either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I’ve learned-
that regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at first, the passion fades and there had better be something else to take its place.

Omer B Washington

Take Care

Julie Reiher

Out of School Hours Care

CUT CHILD CARE COSTS! CLAIM YOUR CHILDCARE REBATE STRAIGHT OFF YOUR WEEKLY OSHC FEES.

Everybody that attends OSHC is entitled to Childcare Rebate and it is not income tested. Childcare Rebate is available on all out of pocket expenses, for childcare provided by an approved Children’s Service, up to the amount of $7500 per child per year. (Wantirna OSHC is an approved Childcare Service.)

Remember: That your Childcare Benefit (means tested) also comes off your weekly fees.

If you would like to book your child/ren in for care they must be fully enrolled into the program. We cannot take a booking without the enrolment form being filled in – this is a legal requirement. If you think you might need the OSHC program as a one off or even just casually you can pick up an enrolment form from the school office or from OSHC.

After School Care .......... $17.00 per session

Before School Care.........$22.00 per session

To make a booking or for any further enquiries regarding OSHC please call Premila on 0405 736 870 or you can book through the school office on 9801 – 1938.
LOST & FOUND

Could everyone please ensure their school hat and uniform are clearly named so they can be easily returned.

Please ask your child/ren to check they pick up their own clothing item. We have sent a Head Lice notice home today and if the children share their hats they are more likely to be infested with Head Lice.

We have also have had a number of spectacles handed into the office in the past two weeks. If you have lost yours just pop into the school office and see if they are yours.

EGGS!      EGGS!        EGGS!

Our chickens are laying and we have lots of eggs for sale. If you would like to purchase some eggs they are for sale at the school office - $3.00 for half a dozen. They make delicious egg sandwiches. All organic and free range!

The Vegetable Patch

Our Vegetable Patch is looking fabulous and we are looking for donations of some seeds and plants to plant in the patch. If you can help us out, could you please drop them off at the school office.

Thanks Michelle McLean & Kim Twomey.
Jacqueline “Jackie” French was born in Sydney in 1953 and has written well over a hundred books.

She wrote her first children’s book in a desperate attempt to get enough money to register her car. At the time she lived in a tin shed with a black snake named Gladys and a wombat named Smudge.

Jackie is known to be dyslexic.

Remember, our school Library is a great place to borrow books written by Jackie French. It is open Monday, Thursday and Friday second-half of lunchtimes for reading and borrowing.
What a great time our campers had, there were some very exhausted students and teachers on their return.